



Life Course

Interventions

Brief Name

Insurance Coverage in Children

Indicator

Percent of children covered by any type of insurance.

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of 0-18 year olds who are covered by any type of insurance, including employer-sponsored, individual, Medicaid, or other public insurance. In Wisconsin, this includes coverage by BadgerCare Plus or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Social Security, and others. Insurance coverage refers to enrollment in comprehensive coverage (that is, not just dental, vision, life, or disability insurance), at the time of the survey.

Importance

Insurance coverage is a precursor to ensuring that all children have access to health care, including early intervention, prevention and check-ups, along with mental health services such as therapy, medication, or hospitalizations. Though the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act mandated insurance for all Americans (officially beginning in 2014), there remain uninsured children in Wisconsin, necessitating the tracking of basic insurance coverage.

Limitations

Insurance coverage is for a specific point in the year, and not necessarily for the full year.

This metric does not reflect quality, accessibility, or service delivery model of the insurance company, such as within or outside of a medical home, nor what type of insurance they have, such as whether it is private, public, within an HMO, or fee-for-service.

Source

Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2015, accessed at <http://www.census.gov/cps/data/cpstablecreator.html>. Additional details about the types of insurance coverage included are available at www.census.gov.

WI	US	Best	Worst
94.3%	94.7%	99%	87.3%
		CT	AZ
Year			
2015			

Numerator

Number of 0-18 year olds with employer-sponsored, individual, Medicaid, or other public insurance

Denominator

Children aged 0 to 18